

Search Tools: Choosing the Best Search Engine for your Information Need

<i>Information Need</i>	<i>Search Engines</i>
I need a few good hits fast (e.g., organization's homepage, quality sites for a topic)	Google Australia http://www.google.com.au/ Yahoo!7 http://au.yahoo.com/ Search Engines on the Internet http://anulib.anu.edu.au/online/reference/search.html
I need an advanced search engine.	Teoma Advanced http://s.teoma.com/AdvancedSearch?q= Google Advanced http://www.google.com/advanced_search?hl=en
I need the results to be grouped or clustered (folders to narrow large search sets).	Clusty http://clusty.com/ (Looksmart, Lycos, MSN, Open Directory, Overture, Gigablast, and Wisenut). Teoma http://www.teoma.com/ Dogpile http://www.dogpile.com/ (includes Google, Yahoo!, Ask Jeeves, About, FindWhat, LookSmart).
I need to search several search engines simultaneously (meta-search or multiple search).	Clusty http://clusty.com/ A9.com http://a9.com/ (Google, Google Images, Amazon.com, Internet Movie Database, Reference) Dogpile http://www.dogpile.com/ ZapMeta http://www.zapmeta.com/ (Yahoo, Alltheweb, WiseNut, AskJeeves, AOL) Ez2Find http://ez2find.com/ (Yahoo, AlltheWeb, WiseNut, Teoma, Google, AltaVista, ODP, and MSN (results include some invisible web information)
I need to see a visual map of the search results.	KartOO http://www.kartoo.com/ Web Brain http://www.webbrain.com/html/default_win.html
I need scholarly literature.	Google Scholar http://scholar.google.com/ Librarians' Index to the Internet http://lii.org/ Infomine http://infomine.ucr.edu/ - librarian-selected directory with flexible search options. BUBL LINK http://www.bubl.ac.uk/link/ - Selected Internet resources covering all academic subject areas. Scirus http://www.scirus.com/srsapp/ - Searches

	167,000,000+ science-specific web pages.
I need to find a particular newspaper or news from a particular country.	<p>Best Newspapers in all Countries http://www.newspaperindex.com/ Country at a Glance http://www.cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation/index.asp To access newspapers, select a country and click "today's news". Abyz News Links http://www.abyznewslinks.com/ - links to international newspapers, news media, internet services, magazines, and press agencies.</p>
I need to search many news sites to find current news about a topic.	<p>Newspapers Have your ACT Public Library card number ready. Select a newspaper. Full text newspaper articles from: The Australian, The Canberra Times, The Age, The Sydney Morning Herald, etc. NewsNow http://www.newsnow.co.uk/ - searches over 19,000 news sources every 5 mins. 4 weeks available. Can change Regions to Australia. Yahoo News http://dailynews.yahoo.com/ - 7000+ news sites. Reuters and AP stored for 2 weeks. For Australia click World, Australia. Google News "http://news.google.com.au/ - Searches 4500+ news sources, stored for 30 days. Clusty: News http://news.clusty.com/ - searches AP, AFP, Reuters, NY Times</p>
I need a news and/or magazine archive.	<p>Newspapers Have your ACT Public Library card number ready. Select a newspaper. Full text newspaper articles from: The Australian, The Canberra Times, The Age, The Sydney Morning Herald, etc. Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre Have your ACT Public Library card number ready. Australian and New Zealand magazines, newspapers, newswires and reference books. MacquarieNET Have your ACT Public Library card number ready. Click MacquarieNET. News items and internet links, dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases on a wide range of topics relating to Australia. InfoTrac OneFile Have your ACT Public Library card number ready. Click InfoTrack. News, magazine and journal articles on a wide range of topics including business, computers, education, environment, law, and politics. Informit Search Have your ACT Public Library card number ready. Magazine and journal articles from Australia and the region on a range of topics.</p>

I need current and/or controversial issues.	Homework Center: Social Issues http://www.multnomah.lib.or.us/lib/homework/sochc.html - Links to topics. U.S. perspective. BIOTIN http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm - Links to topics. Catholic perspective. Public Agenda Online http://www.publicagenda.com/issues/issuehome.cfm - background and analysis of social issues with public opinion studies.
I need simple reference information (basic facts, current statistics, name identification).	Ask.com http://www.ask.com/ Search.com: Reference http://www.search.com/search?channel=19 - choose fact sites, then metasearch. Encyclopedia, Dictionary, Map and Fact Finder Links http://www.schools.ash.org.au/dckc/Library/enc.html - Dickson College links. English Links: Quotations http://www.schools.ash.org.au/dckc/Library/eng.html#quotations Reference Resources http://www.library.unisa.edu.au/resources/subject/onlineoref.asp
I need invisible web or deep web resources (access to databases not commonly indexed by search engines).	Turbo10 http://turbo10.com/ - search deep net resources. Ez2Find http://ez2find.com/ (results include some invisible web information) CompletePlanet http://aip.completeplanet.com/ Direct Search http://www.freepint.com/gary/direct.htm
I need primary sources.	Ready, 'Net, Go http://www.tulane.edu/~lmiller/ArchivesResources.html - metaindex to worldwide archives Directory of Archives in Australia http://www.archivists.org.au/directory/asa_dir.htm
I need an image.	Clusty: Images http://images.clusty.com/ Google Image Search http://images.google.com.au/ Picture Australia http://www.pictureaustralia.gov.au/ Yahoo! Search: Images http://search.yahoo.com/images Ask Jeeves : Pictures http://pictures.ask.com/ Alta Vista Image Search http://www.altavista.com/image/ ClassroomClipart http://classroomclipart.com/
I need multimedia (images, audio, video) content.	You Tube http://www.youtube.com/ AltaVista Audio http://www.altavista.com/audio/default AltaVista Video http://www.altavista.com/video/default FindSounds http://www.findsounds.com/ Creative Commons http://creativecommons.org/

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